

**MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST
NR-ELIGIBILITY REVIEW FORM**

Property Name: _____ Inventory Number: H-0007 CH-857

Address: 305 St. Mary's Avenue, Charles County - in the vicinity of La Plata

Owner: Arehart-Echols Funeral Home, PA

Tax Parcel Number: 6462 Tax Map Number: 112

Project MD 301 Agency State Highway Administration (SHA)

Site visit by SHA Staff: X no ___ yes Name: _____ Date: _____

Eligibility recommended ___ Eligibility **not** recommended X

Criteria ___ A ___ B ___ C ___ D Considerations: ___ A ___ B ___ C ___ D ___ E ___ F ___ G X None

Is property located within a historic district?: X no ___ yes Name of District: _____

Is district listed?: X no ___ yes

Documentation on the property/district is presented in: Project Review and Compliance Files

Description of Property and Eligibility Determination *(Use continuation sheet if necessary and attach map and photo)*

305 St. Mary's Avenue is a one-and-one-half-story dwelling with a side gable roof. Shed roof extensions project from both the front and rear eave walls of the masonry house. On the main elevation (east), a second shed roof extends over an added, brick wing. The house is entered from the north elevation.

Towards the end of the first quarter of the 20th century, road improvements and developments contributed to the suburbanization of Charles County. In particular, the Robert Crain Highway, later expanded as part of U.S. 301, attracted new development to older communities along its corridor. Crain Highway brought commercial development on La Plata's west side and contributed to the Charles County seat's overall growth in the 1920s and 1930s.

World War II and the increasing dependence upon motor vehicles played a very important role in La Plata's community development. Charles County continued its relative isolation from large-scale residential and commercial development until after Crain Highway was dualized and designated U.S. 301 in the 1960s. Earlier trends in travel-related services and entertainment along the Crain Highway grew somewhat when the highway was extended across

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_____ Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services	_____ Date
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the Potomac River to Virginia through southern Charles County and over the new Harry W. Nice Bridge in 1940, thus completing a route from New York to Florida.

Built circa 1920, this vernacular house is not eligible for the National Register. While it is typical of the residential development within La Plata, this resource lacks significance related to events, persons, or architecture. Criterion D, information potential, was not assessed for this study.

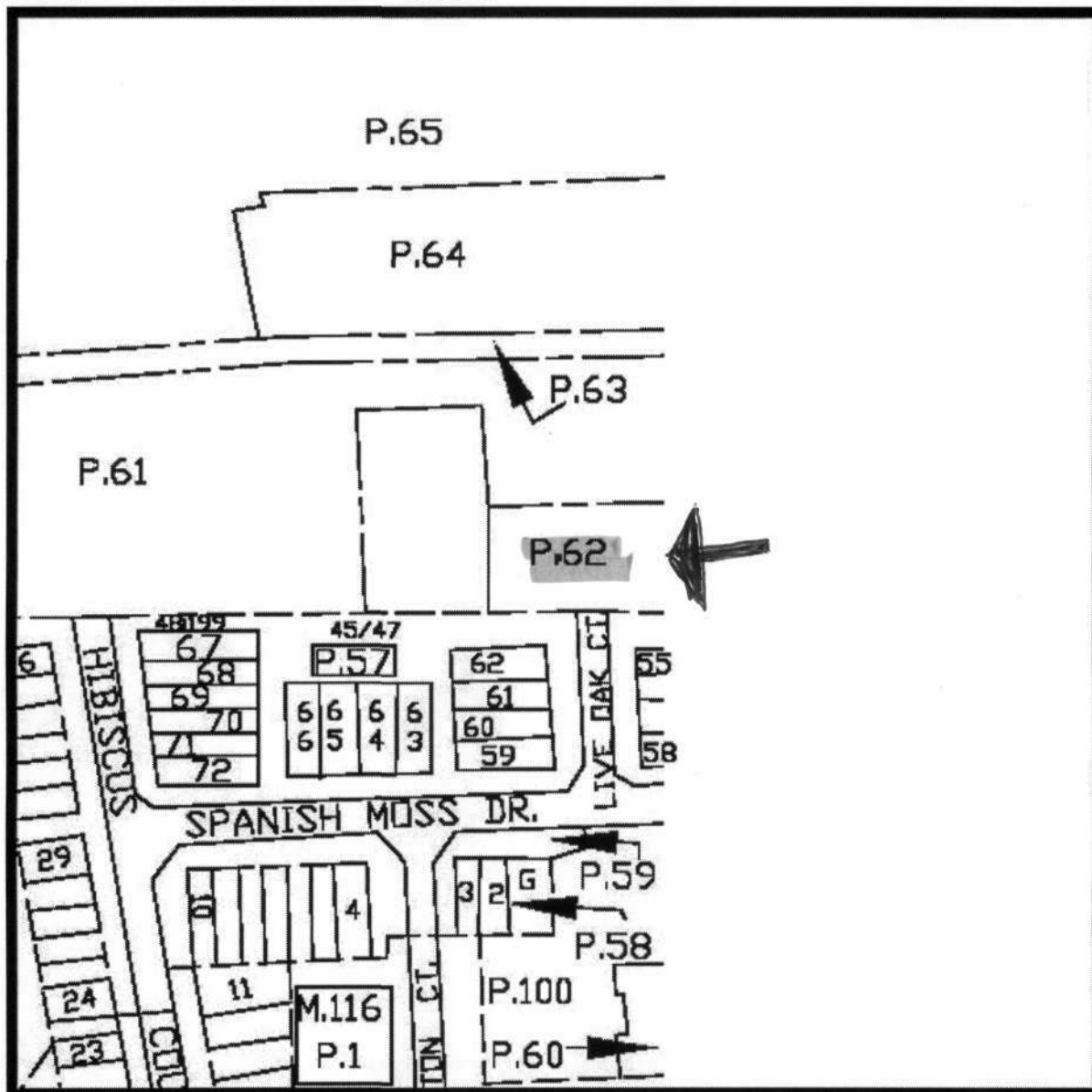
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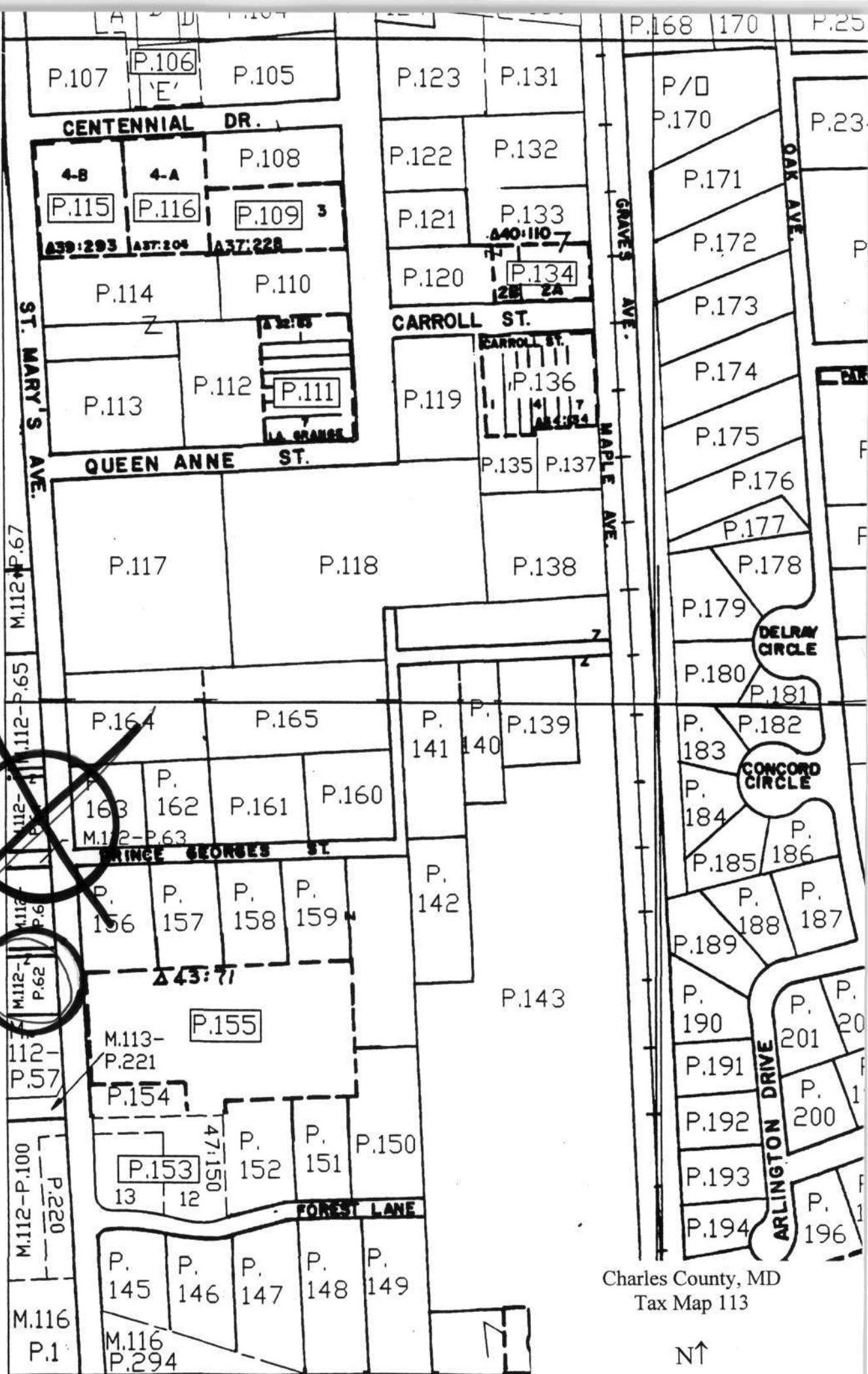
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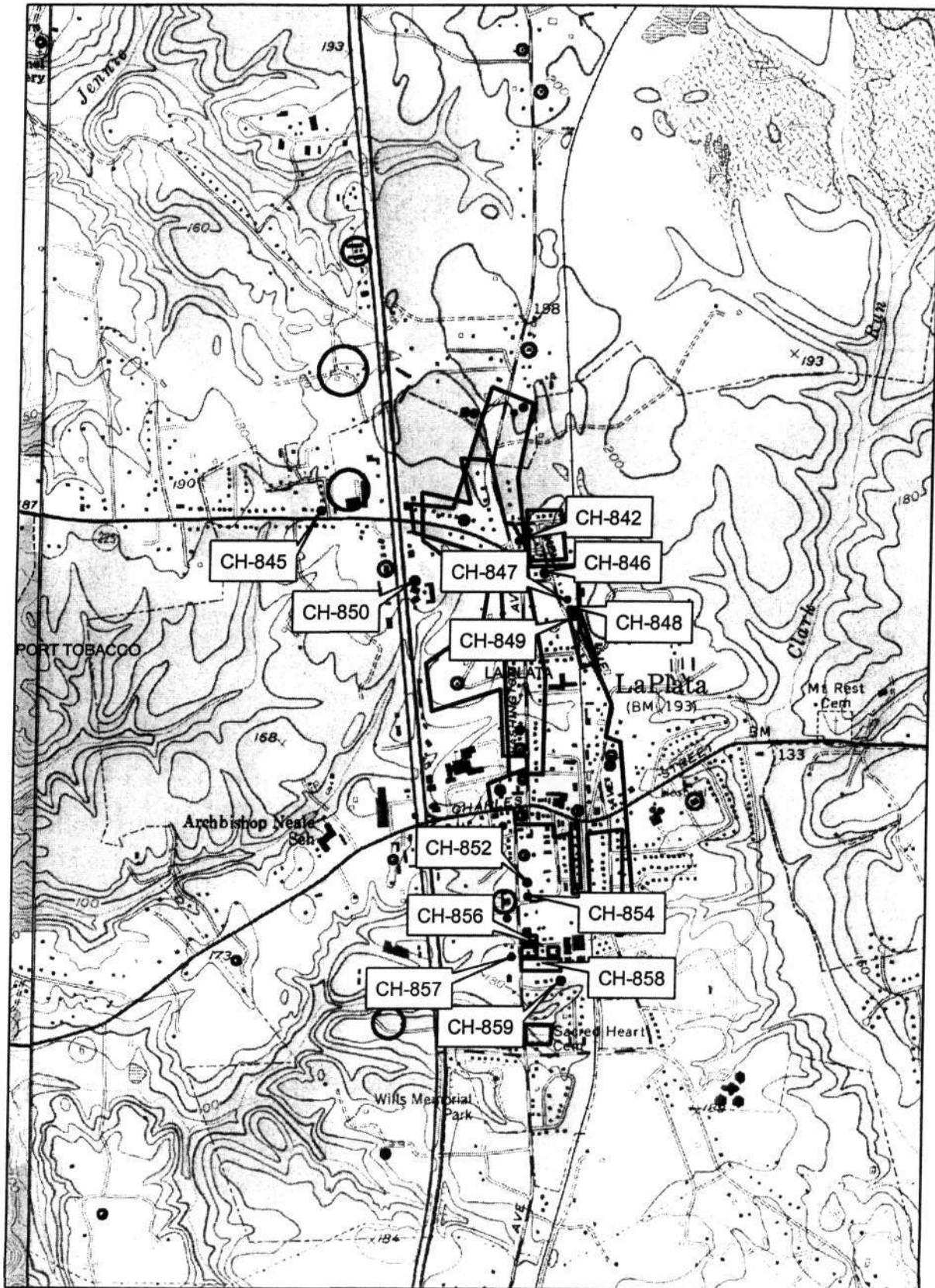
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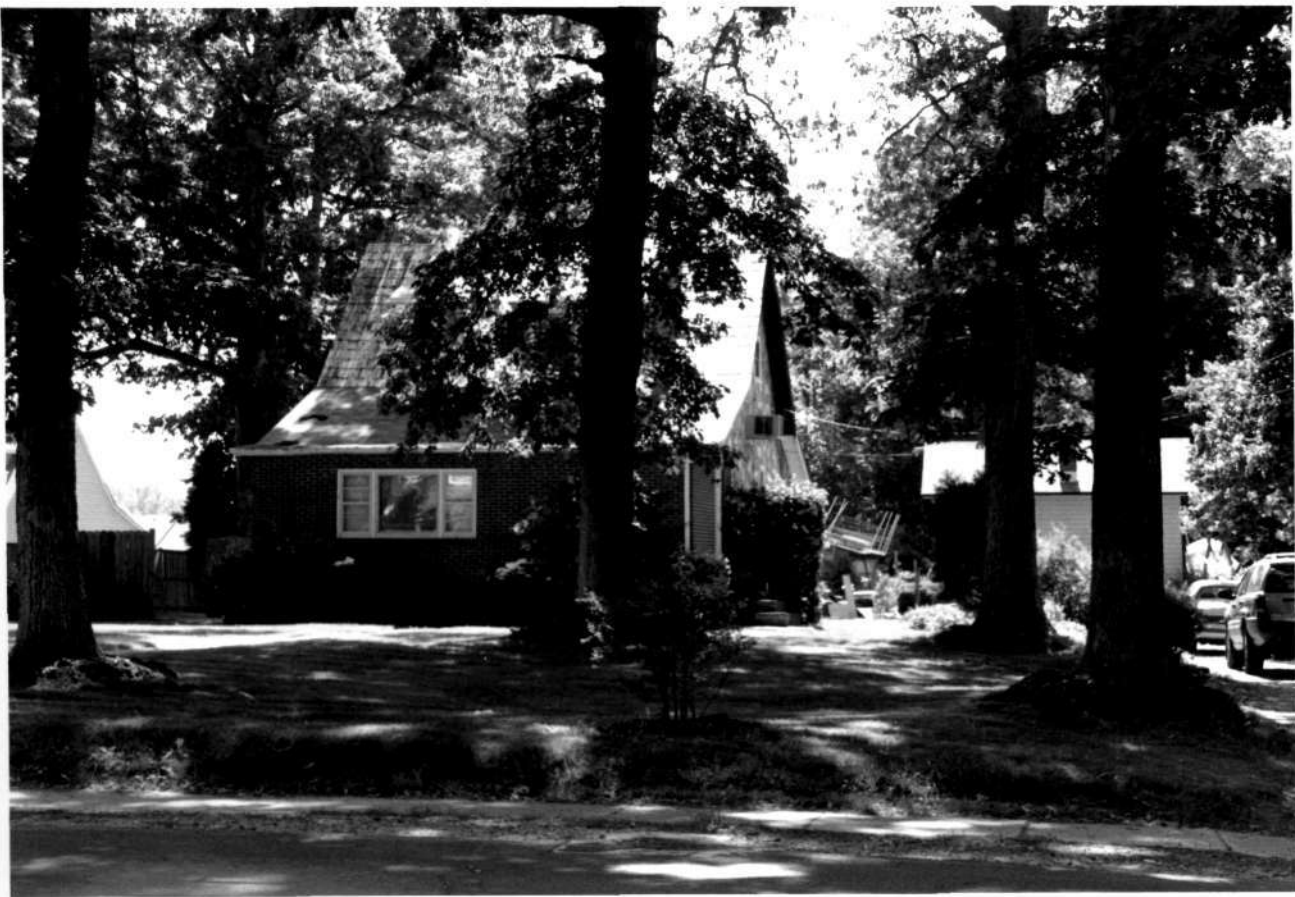


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View looking West

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